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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRC AMBASSADOR

1. ON JULY 3 THE AMBASSADOR PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAMAICA, LI CHAO, AT HIS RESIDENCE OFFICE AT 8(SEAVIEW AVENUE, KINGSTON. LI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SECOND SECRETARY/INTERPRETER, CHANG MING-HUA. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM OF THE RECENTLY ACQUIRE MANSION, WHICH WAS FURNISHED WITH IMPORTED CHINESE OVERSTUFFED CHAIRS AND SOFAS, THE ARMS OF WHICH WERE SUTIABLY COVERED WITH LACE. A PICTURE OF CHAIRMAN MAO OCCUPIED A LONELY POSITIONON THE PRINCIPAL WALL.

2. LI SAID THAT THE PRESENT BUILDING WOULD SERVE AS THE OFFICE FOR THE EMBASSY, BUT ADDED THAT THEY PLANNED TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER BUILDING ON THE PREMISES IN THE NEAR FUTURES. (AT PRESENT MOST OF THE EMBASSY STAFF IS HOUSED IN THE NEARBY BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL.)

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3. FOLLOWING THE USUAL AMENITIES, LI, NOTING THAT HE KNEW ONLY WHAT HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS, ASKED ABOUT THE BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR SUMMARIZED THE REVENUE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ISSUES REMAINING FOR THE FUTURE. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT THE PRC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. LI REPLIED QUICKLY THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TAKING PLACE AT PRESENT AND THAT NO PLANS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE FUTURE. LI SAID THAT WITH THE US BEING SO NEAR TO JAMAICA, ASSISTANCE WAS NATURALLY AN AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME TRADE WITH JAMAICA AND MENTIONED THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SUGAR EXPORT AGREEMENT.

4. LI RECIPROCATED THE AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE THAT THE PRESENT PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE, ADDING THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE "SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE."

5. COMMENT: THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL. LI APPEARED A BIT GUARDED IN HIS RESPONSES TO MY QUESTIONS HOWEVER. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT HE WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THE EMBASSY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION. (HE DID NOT ATTEND.) AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR MEETING, LI ASKED ABOUT MAKING A RETURN CALL WHICH IS NOW TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. GERARD UNQTE KISSINGER

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